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For AN ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PREPARATION METHOD

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
FOREIGN PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, immediately before line 1, insert the paragraph:

--This application is a 371 of PCT/EP98/00497 filed January 30, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 52-58, without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute the following claims.

70. A method for the selection and preparation of an effective antisense oligonucleotide for a nucleic acid comprising the steps of

- designing an antisense oligonucleotide corresponding to a target nucleic acid sequence, such that
 - a) the antisense oligonucleotide comprises at least 8 nucleic acid residues,